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SUBJECT: KIDNAPPED AMERICANS: AP AND REUTERS TICKER ITEMS

1. DEPT HAS JUST SEEN AP AND REUTERS TICKER ITEMS WHICH
INDICATE THAT AN OFFICIAL IN DAR ES SALAAM HAS BEEN QUITE
CRITICAL OF GOZ IN RELATION TO ONGOING EFFORTS TO COMMUNI-
CATE WITH KIDNAPPERS.

2. REUTERS ITEM STATES IN PART: QUOTE "ACTIVITY BY ZAIRE
SECURITY FORCES IS HINDERING A JOINT ATTEMPT BY AMERICAN
AND DUTCH OFFICIALS TO CONTACT JUNGLE REVOLUTIONARIES
WHO ARE HOLDING THREE STUDENT HOSTAGES, ACCORDING TO AN
OFFICIAL INVOLVED...AMERICAN AND DUTCH OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN
HOPING TO CONTACT THE PRP THROUGH TRAFFIC IN AND OUT OF
WHAT THEY SAY IS A PRP-CONTROLLED ZONE IN EASTERN ZAIRE.

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BUT THE OFFICIAL SAID HERE THAT ZAIRE FORCES HAVE BEEN

MAKING THIS DIFFICULT."UNQUOTE

3. AP ITEM STATES IN PART:QUOTE "MEANWHILE, A SOURCE IN DAR ES SALAAM SAID TODAY THAT TROOPS IN EASTERN ZAIRE ARE STOPPING THE NORMAL FLOW OF PEOPLE INTO THE AREA CONTROLLED BY THE GUERRILLAS WHO A MONTH AGO KIDNAPPED THE THREE STUDENTS FROM A GAME RESERVE ON THE TANZANIAN SIDE OF LAKE TANGANYIKA. THE SOURCE SAID THE BLOCKADE BY THE

ZAIRE ARMY WAS HAMPERING ATTEMPTS BY THE U.S. AND DUTCH GOVERNMENT TO MAKE CONTACT WITH THE GUERRILLAS, WHO ARE MEMBERS OF AN ANTI-MOBUTU ORGANIZATION CALLED THE POPULAR REVOLUTION PARTY OF THE CONGO."UNQUOTE

4. TICKER ITEMS DO NOT ATTRIBUTE STATEMENTS TO US OFFICIALS, AND WE HOPE, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF VERY DELICATE STAGE IN OUR RELATION WITH ZAIRE, NO U.S. OFFICIALS ARE INVOLVED. REQUEST YOU PROVIDE BEST INFO YOU CAN OBTAIN AS TO SOURCE OF STATEMENTS. KISSINGER

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